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EPICON continues its investigation

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The U.S. Army Medical Command's (MEDCOM) Epidemiology Consultation Team (EPICON) continues to investigate the three deaths in Germany attributed to meningococcal bacteria.

Dr. (Maj.) Gregory Deye, an infectious disease physician at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), is conducting continuing medical education (CME) training sessions for medical staff in the Wuerzburg area.

Capt. Scott Fujimoto, team epidemiologist from the U.S. Air Force Institute for Operational Health (AFIOH) continues to identify all potential close contacts of Lindsey Ferris, 26, the civilian with Spangdahlem Air Base Office of Special Investigation who died Jan. 29. He is also reviewing appropriate medical records.

Some members of the team are meeting with the serotyping expert at the German National Reference Laboratory for Meningococci in Wuerzburg to discuss both prevalent and newer strains of the bacteria in Germany. Other team members are developing data analysis summaries for an interim EPICON report.

The team is beginning to analyze data collected from discussions with members of the community about meningococcal education efforts. This will include submissions from the online survey. Coordination is being made with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine to continue medical surveillance.